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1. IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY, USGS AND ORSTOM OFFICIALS, FOLLOWING IS TRANSMITTED FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION AND FOR AMEMBASSY BANGUI TO RAISE WITH GOVERNMENT OF CAE IN SEEKING LATTER'S CONCURRENCE IN PROCEEDING WITH PROJECT. INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH GOCAE ON THIS SUBJECT ARE TO GO TO FRENCH EMBASSY BANGUI. US EMBASSY THERE MAY WISH COORDINATE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THIS CONCURRENCE WITH FRENCH COLLEAGUES. 2. THE SRO PROGRAM OF WHICH THIS PROJECT IS A PART CONSISTS OF 13 STATE-OF-THE-ART SEISMOGRAPH STATIONS. BANGUI WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF THE 13 POSSIBLE SITES (THE ONLY ONE IN AFRICA) BECAUSE OF ITS VERY LOW SEISMIC NOISE LEVEL AND THE FAVORABLE GEOLOGY FOR SITING THE SEISMOMETERS. ADDITIONALLY, THE USGS AND ORSTOM HAVE COOPERATED FOR MANY YEARS IN THE EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA AND ALSO BECAUSE ORSTOM HAS THE EXPERTISE TO CONTINUE OPERATING THE SRO EQUIPMENT OVER A LONG PERIOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF YEARS. USGS AND ORSTOM HAVE ALSO COOPERATED INFORMALLY IN THE CAE ON THE BANGUI ANAMOLY.

3. ALL OF THE DATA RECORDED FROM THESE INSTRUMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY CONDUCTING SEISMIC RESEARCH. NO DATA WILL BE CLASSIFIED. RECORDING WILL CONSIST OF REAL TIME ANALOG

RECORDS AND ALSO DIGITAL RECORDS ON MAGNETIC TAPE FOR RAPID COMPUTER PROCESSING.

4. ARRANGEMENTS TO AWARD A DRILLING CONTRACT FOR THE BOREHOLE ARE IN PREPARATION BY US EMBASSY PARIS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT NECESSARY CLEARANCE BE OBTAINED BY OCTOBER SO THAT DRILLING OPERATIONS BE COMPLETED BY END OF NOVEMBER, 1977. HARTMAN

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